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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended - withdrawn)

14. A method of effecting at least one result selected from the group consisting of preventing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin and repairing existing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin, said method comprising topically applying to skin a effective amount therefor of the cosmetic composition according to claim 9 19 for a period of time sufficient to effect said at least one result.

Claim 15 (currently amended - withdrawn)

15. A method of effecting at least one result selected from the group consisting of preventing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin and repairing existing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin, said method comprising topically applying to skin an effective amount therefor of the cosmetic composition according to claim 40 20 for a period of time sufficient to effect said at least one result.

Claim 16 (previously added - withdrawn)

16. A method of effecting at least one result selected from the group consisting of preventing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin and repairing existing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin, said method comprising topically applying to skin an effective amount of therefor of the cosmetic composition according to claim 44 21 for a period of time sufficient to effect said at least one result.

Claim 17 (previously added - withdrawn)

17. A method of effecting at least one result selected from the group consisting of preventing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin and repairing existing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin, said method comprising topically applying to skin an effective amount therefor of the cosmetic composition according to claim 42 22 for a period of time sufficient to effect said at least one result.

Claim 18 (previously added)

18. A method of effecting at least one result selected from the group consisting of preventing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin and repairing existing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin, said method comprising topically applying to skin an effective amount therefor of the cosmetic composition according to claim 43 23 for a period of time sufficient to effect said at least one result.

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Claim 19 (currently amended)

19. A cosmetic oil-in-water or water-in-oil preparation for topical application to the skin comprising of:
- (a) an oil phase;
 - (b) an aqueous phase; and
 - (c) ~~at least one member selected from the group consisting of dihydrofolic acid and tetrahydrofolic acid in the absence of vitamin B12 folic acid; and~~
 - (d) a complexing agent.

Claim 20 (currently amended)

20. The cosmetic preparation according to claim 19, wherein ~~said at least one member~~ the folic acid is present in said cosmetic preparation in a concentration of 0.01-10% by weight based on a total weight of the cosmetic preparation.

Claim 21 (currently amended)

21. The cosmetic preparation according to claim 20, wherein ~~said at least one member~~ the folic acid is present in said cosmetic preparation in a concentration of 0.05-5% by weight based on a total weight of the cosmetic preparation.

Claim 22 (currently amended)

22. The cosmetic preparation according to claim 21, wherein ~~said at least one member~~ the folic acid is present in said cosmetic preparation in a concentration of 0.1-2% by weight based on a total weight of the cosmetic preparation.

Claim 23 (currently amended)

23. The cosmetic preparation according to claim 19, ~~which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of vitamin E, vitamin E derivatives, vitamin A and vitamin A derivatives, in a concentration of 0.001-10% by weight based on a total weight of the cosmetic preparation~~ wherein said preparation is an emulsion or a hydrodispersion.

Claim 24 (currently amended)

24. The preparation of claim 19 wherein said preparation is an emulsion ~~or a hydrodispersion.~~

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Claim 25 (currently amended)

25. The preparation of claim 24 ~~which further comprises of a complexing agent wherein the~~
complexing agent is a chelating agent.

Claim 26 (currently amended)

26. The preparation of claim 25, wherein said ~~complexing agent is EDTA~~ chelating agent is at least
one substance from the group consisting of: (1) tartaric acid and anions thereof; (2) citric acid and
anions thereof; and (3) aminopolycarboxylic acid and anions thereof.

Claim 27 (currently amended)

27. The preparation of claim 24 ~~which further comprises of an anti-oxidant~~ 26, wherein the chelating
agent is ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

Claim 28 (currently amended)

28. The preparation of claim 27, ~~wherein said anti-oxidant is BHT~~ 25, wherein the chelating agent is
present in an amount of from 0.01% to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the
preparation.

Claim 29 (currently amended)

29. The preparation of claim 24 ~~which further comprises of an inorganic pigment~~ 25, wherein the
chelating agent is present in an amount of from 0.05% to 5% by weight, based on the total weight
of the preparation.

Claim 30 (currently amended)

30. The preparation of claim 29 ~~wherein said inorganic pigment is titanium dioxide~~ 25, wherein the
chelating agent is present in an amount of from 0.1% to 2% by weight, based on the total weight
of the preparation.

Claim 31 (currently amended)

31. The preparation of claim 24 ~~wherein the hydrodispersion is a hydrodispersion gel~~ 19 wherein:
(i) the preparation is an emulsion or hydrodispersion;
(ii) the the folic acid is present in said cosmetic preparation in a concentration of 0.1-2% by

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weight based on a total weight of the cosmetic preparation;

(iii) the complexing agent is a chelating agent present in an amount of from 0.1% to 2% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparation.

Claim 32 (new)

32. The preparation of claim 31 wherein the chelating agent is ethylenediaminetetracetic acid.